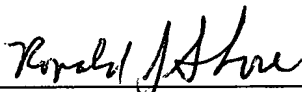


REMARKS

By the above amendments reference to related application serial no. 09/635,270, now U.S. Patent No. 6,593,229 has been added to page 1 of the specification. An Information Disclosure Statement citing the related patent is also filed herewith.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 501.38505CX2) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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